

Remarks/Arguments

Claims 2-4 and 6-14 are pending. Claims 2-4 and 6-9, are amended. Claims 1 and 5 are canceled without prejudice. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are respectfully requested.

Applicant believes the foregoing amendments comply with requirements of form and thus may be admitted under 37 CFR 1.116(b). Alternatively, if these amendments are deemed to touch the merits, admission is requested under 37 CFR 1.116(c). In this connection, these amendments were not earlier presented because they are in response to the matters pointed out for the first time in the final Office Action.

Lastly, admission is requested under 37 CFR 1.116(b) as presenting rejected claims in better form for consideration on appeal.

On page 10 of the July 31, 2006 Office Action, claims 2, 3, 6 and 7 are objected to as depending from rejected claims, but indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form. Previously presented claims 9-14 are allowed. Applicant thanks the Examiner for recognizing the allowable subject matter of claims 2, 3, 6, 7 and 9-14.

Claims 2 and 6 have been rewritten to be in independent form. Claims 4 and 8 have been amended to depend from Claims 2-3 and 6-7, respectively. The term "method" has been replaced by the term "system" in Claims 2-4 and 6-8.

Allowed claims 9 and 12 are amended to remove the term "with base stations" from the preambles of both claims. This terminology is not believed to be relevant to the indicated allowability of these claims. Thus, applicant submits that amended claims 9 and 12, and claims 10, 11, 13 and 14 depending therefrom, are still in condition for allowance.

Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 2-4 and 6-14 are in condition for allowance, and such allowance is requested.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are requested.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles, California telephone number (310) 785-4600 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-1314.

Respectfully submitted,
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